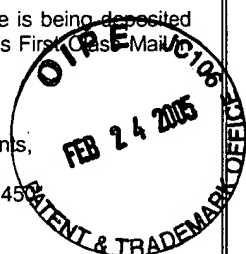


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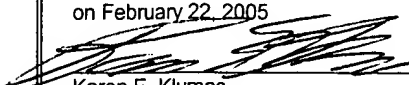
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- a. ☐ PTO-1449
- b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. ((Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.
- i. ☒ \$790.00 (RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

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Respectfully submitted,



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